regard have been sent to the concerned nodal Ministry.

Water Table in Plateau Areas of Madhya Pradesh

4206. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ground water table is constantly falling, particularly in plateau areas of Madhya Pradesh as a result of which hand pumps are not working there;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to provide potable water and to check further fall in the ground water table in those areas;

(c) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted a number of proposals regarding sewerage projects and projects for raising the ground water table to the Ministry of Rural Development, if so, what are the details thereof and by when these projects are likely to be cleared; and

(d) what is the number of water supply schemes of Madhya Pradesh pending with the Government of India and by when these schemes will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. In the Plateau region of Madhya Pradesh due to less recharge of ground water compared to its extra-action, the ground water table goes down resulting in less efficiency or drying up of the tubewells.

(b) The following steps have taken:

(i) Schemes for Water Harvesting Structures in Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned. The details are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

District	Total cost of approved schemes	Funds released	Expenditure reported up to 3/94
Jhabua	111.080	111.080	130.750
Rajgarh	143.060	143.060	170.170
Shahdool	314.600	306.870	301.430

(ii) In the review meeting held on 2nd August, 1994, the State Government has been requested to take effective measures to protect and control overdrawal of ground water in the dark and grey blocks identified by Central Ground Water Board.

(c) No scheme for sewerage projects has been received. However, Govt. of M.P. have submitted the following water conservation and recharge projects:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	Cost
1.	Shajapur	270.00
2.	Dhar	1120.88
3.	Karahal block (Morena)	513.39
4.	Mandla	198.00
5.	Rajgarh	656.00
6.	Rajnandgoan	500.00
7.	Dewas	103.73

An amount of Rs. 25 Lakh has been

sanctioned and released for the Rajgarh project to be utilised for the development of model schemes which can be replicated in other parts of the project area.

(d) No Rural Water Supply Scheme is pending.

Assistance from International Agencies to implement Rural Development Programme

4207. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has appealed to various international development agencies like UNDP, FAO and other UN organisations for assistance to implement rural development programme;

(b) how many financial assistance has been promised for each rural development programme from these international agencies;

(c) which State Governments will benefit;

(d) whether State Governments are required to put matching financial resources to obtain portion of such funds;

(e) whether policy changes will have to brought into the whole rural development programme to obtain foreign funds;

(f) what policy changes will be brought to obtain such funds; and

(g) whether any preliminary discussions have taken place on proposed policy changes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (g) Financial assistance from foreign agencies is being received in respect of following programme:—

(i) Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA):—
UNICEF reimburses one-third share of revolving fund of Rs. 15,000/- given to each DWCRA group.

(ii) Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Programme:—

WHO (World Health Organisation) has allocated US $ 182000 for 1994 and 1995 under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme towards the costs incurred on equipments, fellowships, salary of Consultants, etc..

Similarly, UNICEF has allocated assistance of US $ 18.8 million for similar activities including communication, guineaworm eradication, Management Information System (MIS), etc..

A project proposal for capacity building for local governance and decentralized administration in support of sustainable development has been received form UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), New Delhi.

This proposal is under preliminary stage of examination in this Ministry. A decision will be taken on the proposal in accordance with the procedure and guidelines for externally aided projects as prescribed by the Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance